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Office Action Summary

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE three MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jul 16, 1999
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☒ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 5, 6, 7 20) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-21 are presented for examination.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 8 is objected to because of the following informalities: there seems to be a grammatical error in claim 8 line 1: "...an ...," it should be changed to "...a...".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by MacNaughton et al US pat. No.5,796,393.

As to claim 1, MacNaughton discloses a method performed by a server (18 fig.1) for accessing incentives in a network, comprising:

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receiving an access request from a device associated with a user and connected to the network and transmitting identifying information corresponding to the access request to a host (see abstract, fig.1, col.3 line 8 to col.4 line 32 and col.5 line 13 to col.6 line 24);

receiving incentive information from the host reflecting available incentives corresponding to the identifying information, and transmitting a network document, including the incentive information, to the device associated with the user in response to the access request (see col.6 line 25 to col.7 line 61 and col.8 lines 10-65).

As to claim 2, MacNaughton discloses receiving a request for a document stored at least in part on the server (see col.6 line 25 to col.7 line 61).

As to claim 3, MacNaughton discloses determining whether an indication exists that the user subscribes to receive information associated with available incentives (see col.7 line 14 to col.8 line 65).

As to claim 4, MacNaughton discloses determining whether an indication exists that the user subscribes to receive information associated with available incentives, includes: transmitting a subscriber request to the device associated the user; and receiving a response from the device associated with the user, including a subscriber ID (user memberships, see col.8 line 10 to col.9 line 41).

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As to claim 5, MacNaughton discloses transmitting a subscriber ID corresponding to the device associated with the user to the host and a server ID corresponding to the server (login IDs, see fig.2, col.8 line 10 to col.10 line 67 and col.11 line 13 to col.12 line 41).

As to claim 6, MacNaughton discloses receiving incentive information reflecting a selection of incentives based on at least one of the subscriber ID and the server ID (see fig.2, col.8 line 10 to col.10 line 67 and col.11 line 13 to col.12 line 41).

As to claim 7, MacNaughton discloses transmitting a subscriber ID corresponding to the device associated with the user to the host (see fig.2, col.8 line 10 to col.10 line 67 and col.11 line 13 to col.12 line 41).

As to claim 8, MacNaughton discloses a computer-implemented method for accessing incentives in a network, comprising:

transmitting an access request to access a server in the network, receiving a subscriber request for a subscriber ID associated with the access request see abstract (see fig.1, col.3 line 8 to col.4 line 32 and col.5 line 13 to col.6 line 24, fig.2, col.8 line 10 to col.10 line 67 and col.11 line 13 to col.12 line 41).

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transmitting the subscriber ID to the server and receiving, in response to the access request, incentive information reflecting available incentives corresponding to the subscriber ID, wherein the server provides the subscriber ID to a host that selects and transmits the incentive information to the server (see fig.2, col.8 line 10 to col.10 line 67 and col.11 line 13 to col.12 line 41).

As to claim 9, MacNaughton discloses providing a browser enabling a user to formulate and transmit the access request (see col.5 lines 14-67).

As to claim 10, MacNaughton discloses receiving selected incentive information reflecting a server ID associated with the server, wherein the server provides the server ID to the host for selection of the incentive information (see col.7 line 48 to col.9 line 27, col.10 lines 12-67 and col.11 lines 13-51).

Claims 11-20 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in claims 1-10 respectively.

As to claim 21, MacNaughton discloses a system for distributing information in a network, comprising:

a host server (18 fig.1) storing data corresponding to each one of a plurality of subscribers, a plurality of network servers (24, 28, 32 fig.1) selectively accessible to the host

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server for receiving data corresponding to subscribers (see abstract, fig.1, col.3 line 8 to col.4 line 32 and col.5 line 13 to col.6 line 24).

and at least one client machine selectively accessible to at least one of the network servers for accessing network documents, wherein when a subscriber causes the client machine to access one of the network servers, the accessed network server accesses the host server to obtain data corresponding to the subscriber for presentation to the subscriber on the client machine as a part of a network document (see col.6 line 25 to col.7 line 61, col.8 lines 10-65 col.8 line 10 to col.10 line 67 and col.11 line 13 to col.12 line 41).

Other prior art cited

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. MacNaughton et al., US pat. No.6,020,884: System integrating an online service community with a foreign service.

b. Theimer et al., US pat. No.5,812,865: Specifying and establishing communication data between particular media devices in multiple media device computing systems based on context of a user or users.

Conclusion

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6. Claims 1-21 are rejected.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Dinh whose telephone number is (703) 308-8528. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.m. to 4:00 P.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh, can be reached on (703) 305-9648. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 305-7201.

A shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire THREE months from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned (35 U.S.C. Sect.133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(A).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305 -9600.

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